

US00D442656S

(12) **United States Design Patent** (10) **Patent No.:** **US D442,656 S**  
**Nagase** (45) **Date of Patent:** **\*\* May 22, 2001**

(54) **BASEBALL**

(75) Inventor: **Yasuhiko Nagase**, Tokyo (JP)

(73) Assignee: **Nagase Kenko Corporation**, Tokyo (JP)

(\*\*) Term: **14 Years**

(21) Appl. No.: **29/129,926**

(22) Filed: **Sep. 25, 2000**

**Related U.S. Application Data**

(62) Division of application No. 29/108,520, filed on Jul. 27, 1999.

(51) **LOC (7) Cl.** ..... **21-02**

(52) **U.S. Cl.** ..... **D21/713**

(58) **Field of Search** ..... D21/707, 713, D21/780; 473/569, 598, 600-602, 607

(56) **References Cited**

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

5,772,544 6/1998 Yang .

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Spalding 1966 Catalog; p. 1, Official National League Baseball, Dec. 1965.\*

1978 Spalding Book of Professional Tennis; p. 5, Tennis Ball, Jan. 1978.\*

Hong Kong Toys 1992 Catalog, vol. 2, p. 46, textured baseball, dated 1992.

Hong Kong Toys 1993 Catalog, vol. 1, p. 974, tennis ball, dated 1993.

(Anonymous), "Kenko Baseballs and Softballs," dated more than one year before the priority date of the present application, two pages, promotional literature, published by Nagase Kenko Corporation in the U.S.A.

(Anonymous), "Line Drives," Jan. 1999, four pages, vol. 1, issue No. 2, published by Doyle Baseball, U.S.A., showing two pictures of baseballs sold in the U.S.A. more than one year before the priority date of the present application.

(Anonymous), "Displayed Feb. 1998," photograph of baseball that was displayed by Nagase Kenko Corporation in a Feb. 1998 trade show in the U.S.A.

\* cited by examiner

*Primary Examiner*—Dominic Simone

(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm*—Charles E. Bruzga

(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a baseball, as shown.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a baseball showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a front elevation view of the baseball;

FIG. 3 is a rear elevation view of the baseball;

FIG. 4 is a left side elevation view of the baseball;

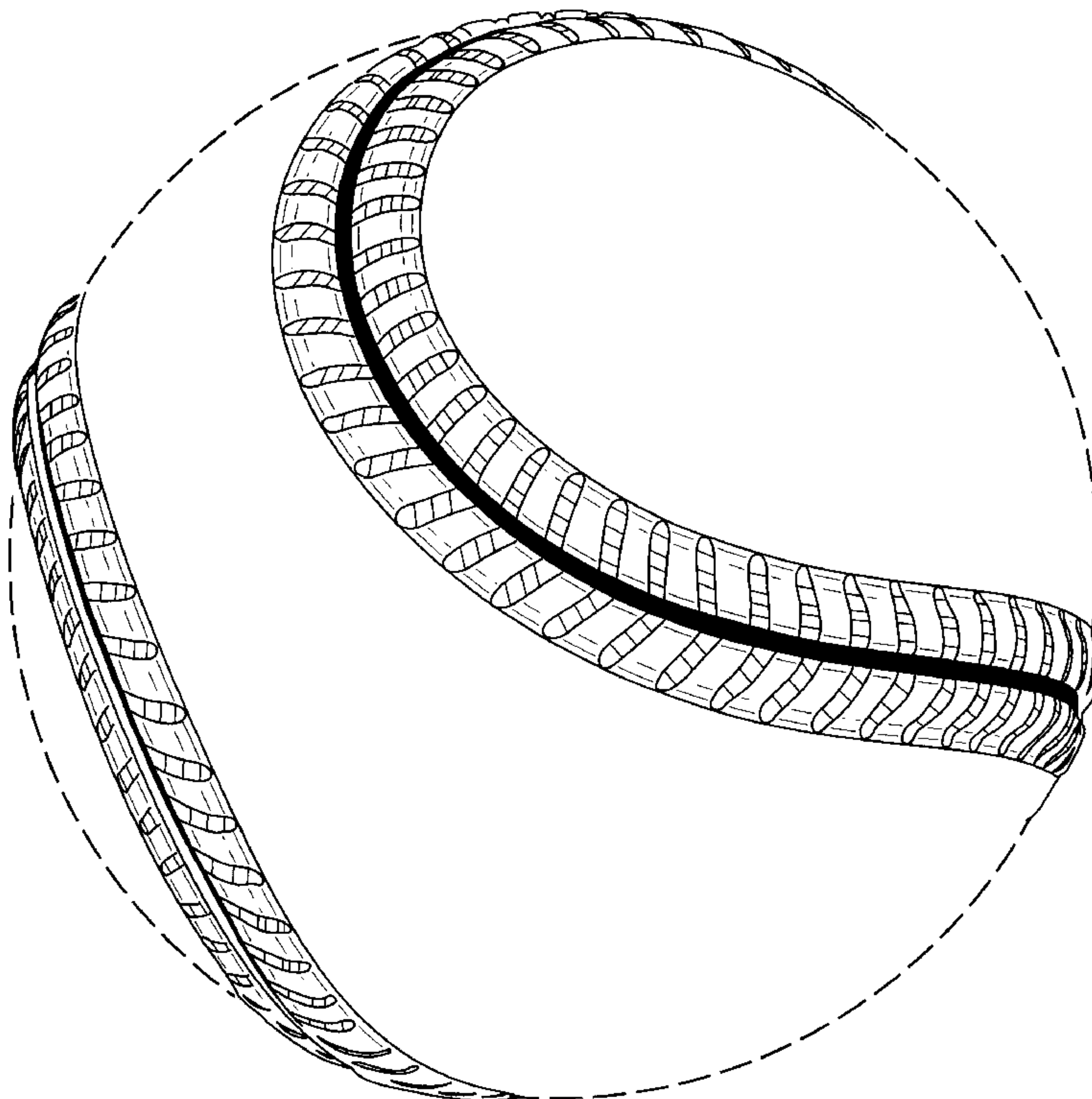
FIG. 5 is a right side elevation view of the baseball;

FIG. 6 is a top elevation view of the baseball; and,

FIG. 7 is bottom elevation view of the baseball.

In the figures, the black stripe represents a contrasting color.

**1 Claim, 7 Drawing Sheets**



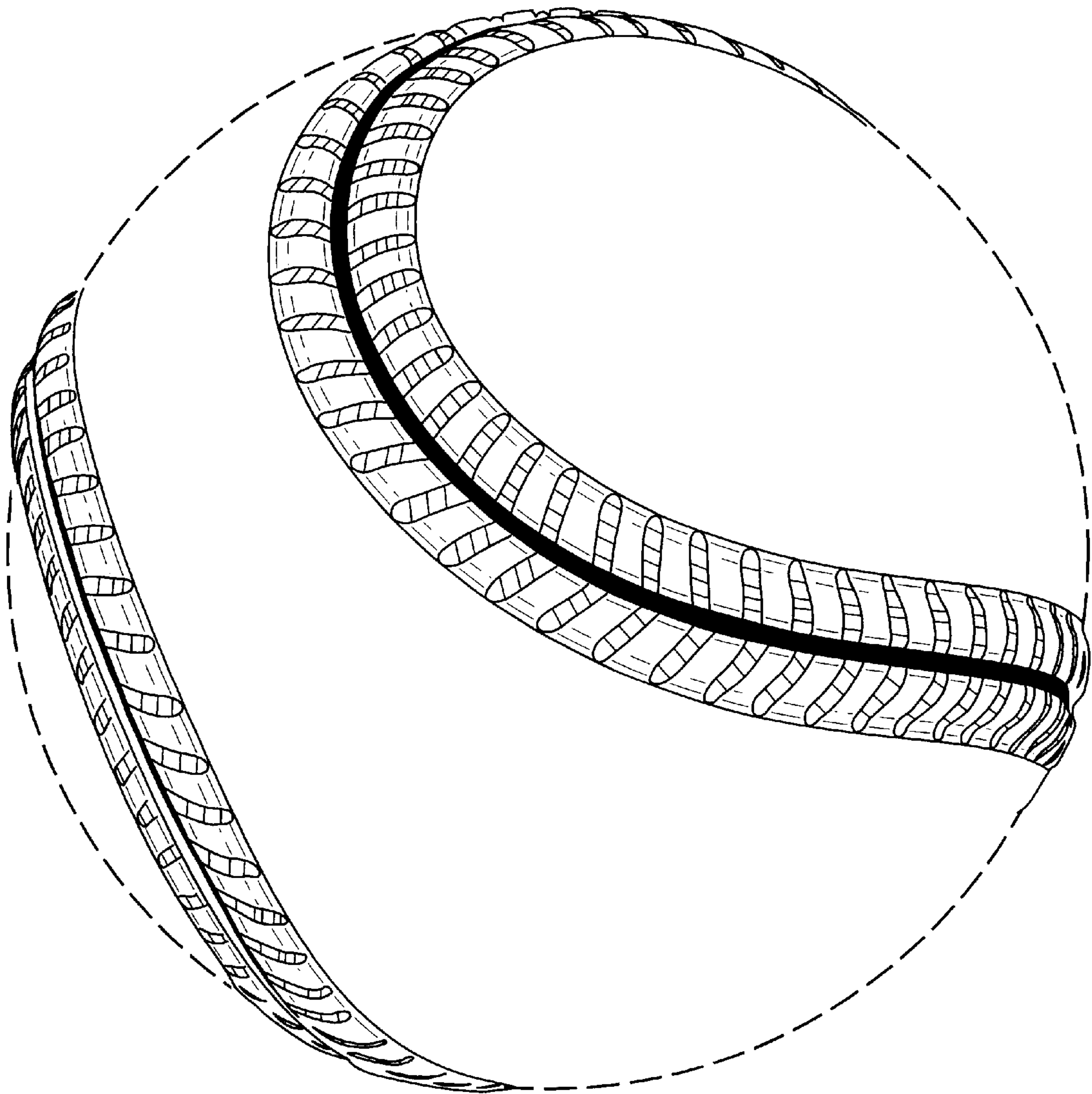


FIG. 1

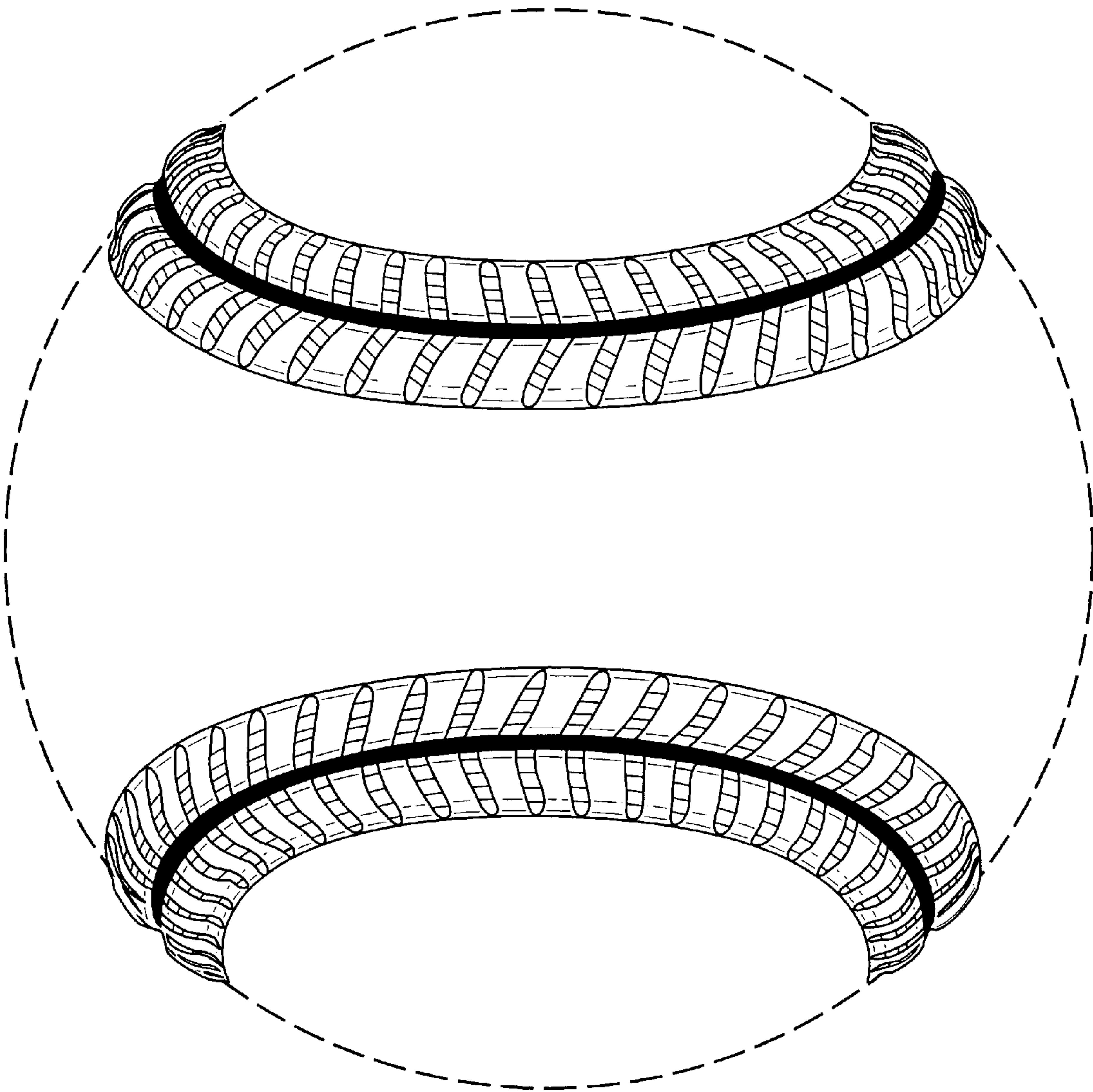


FIG. 2



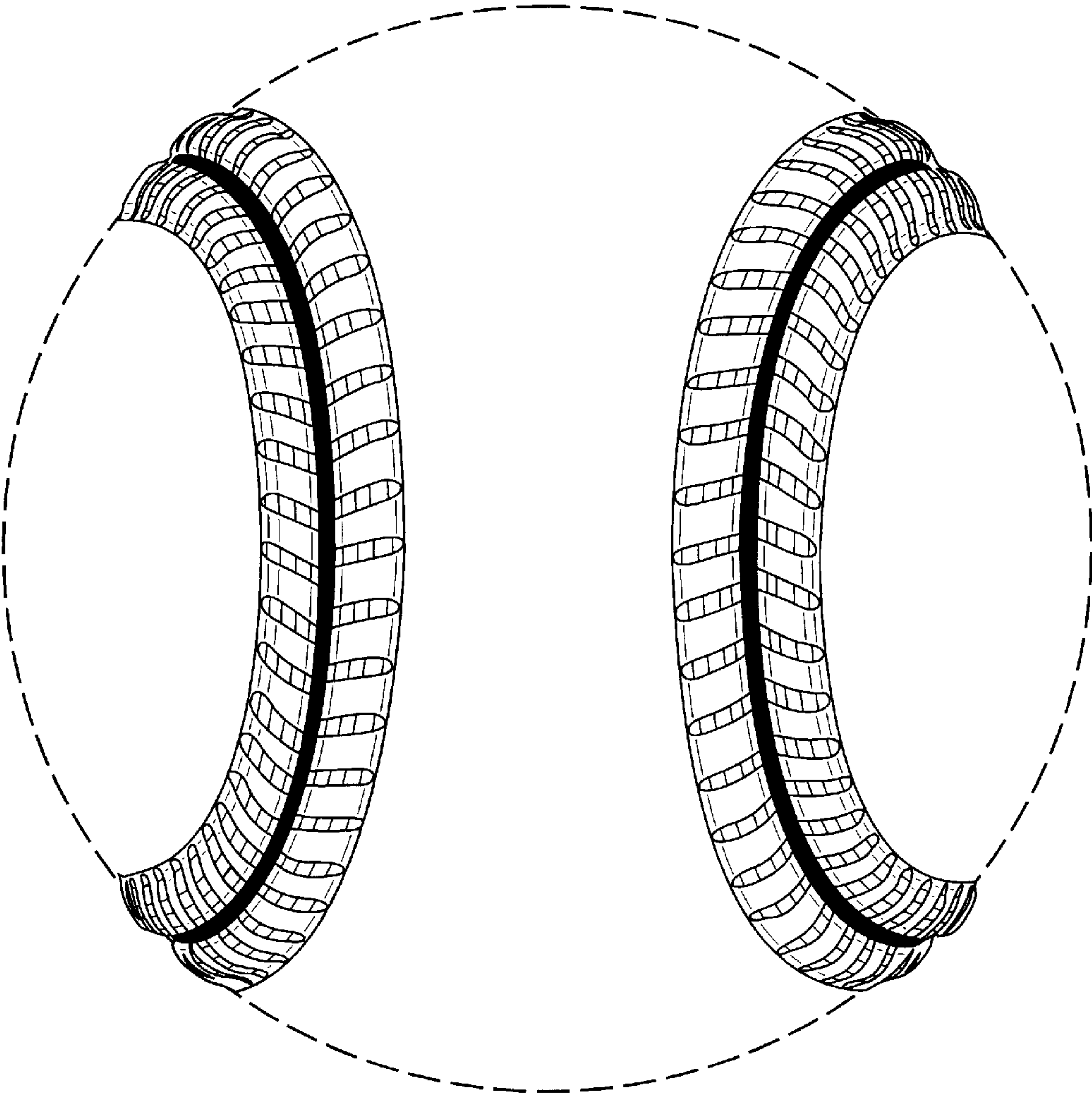


FIG. 3

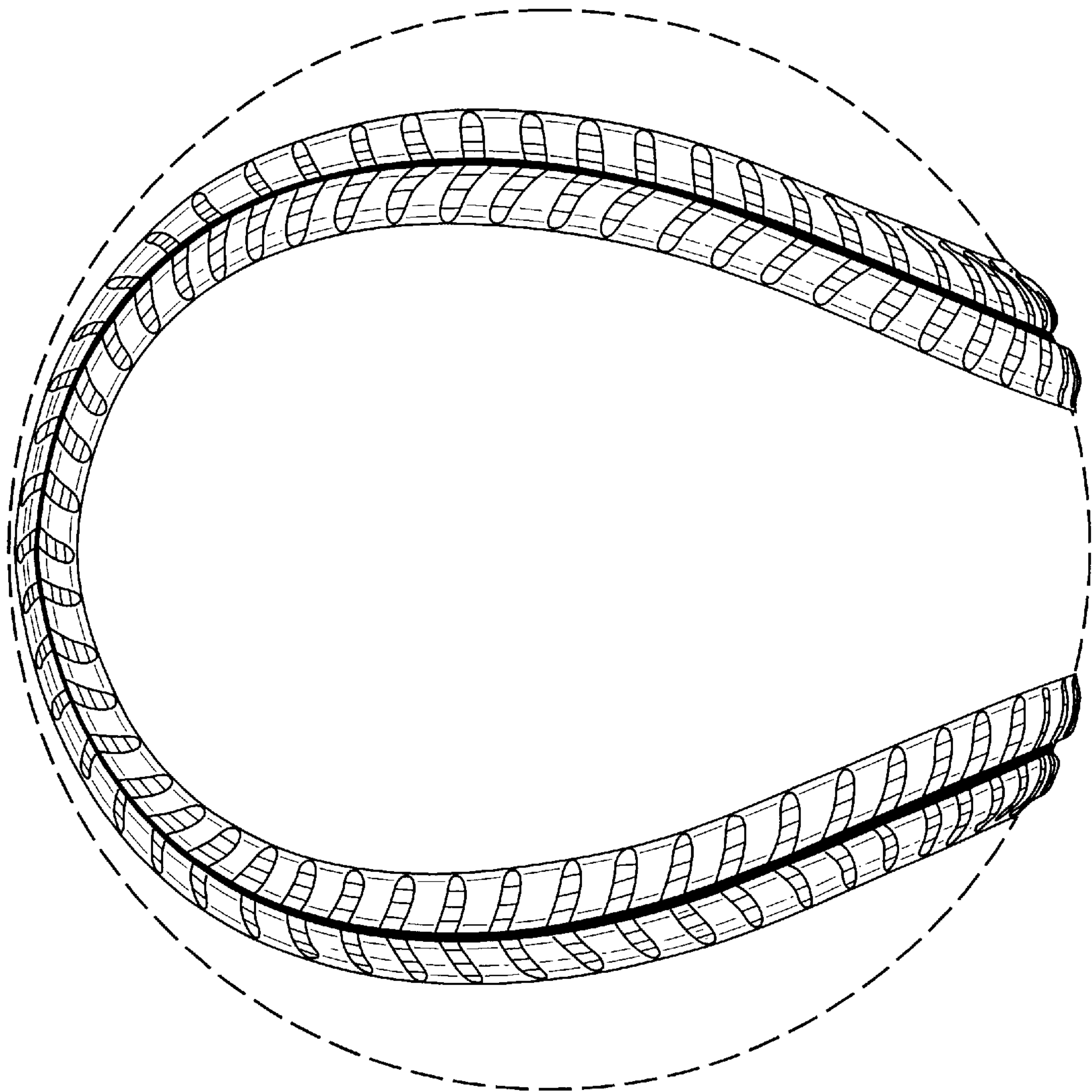


FIG. 4

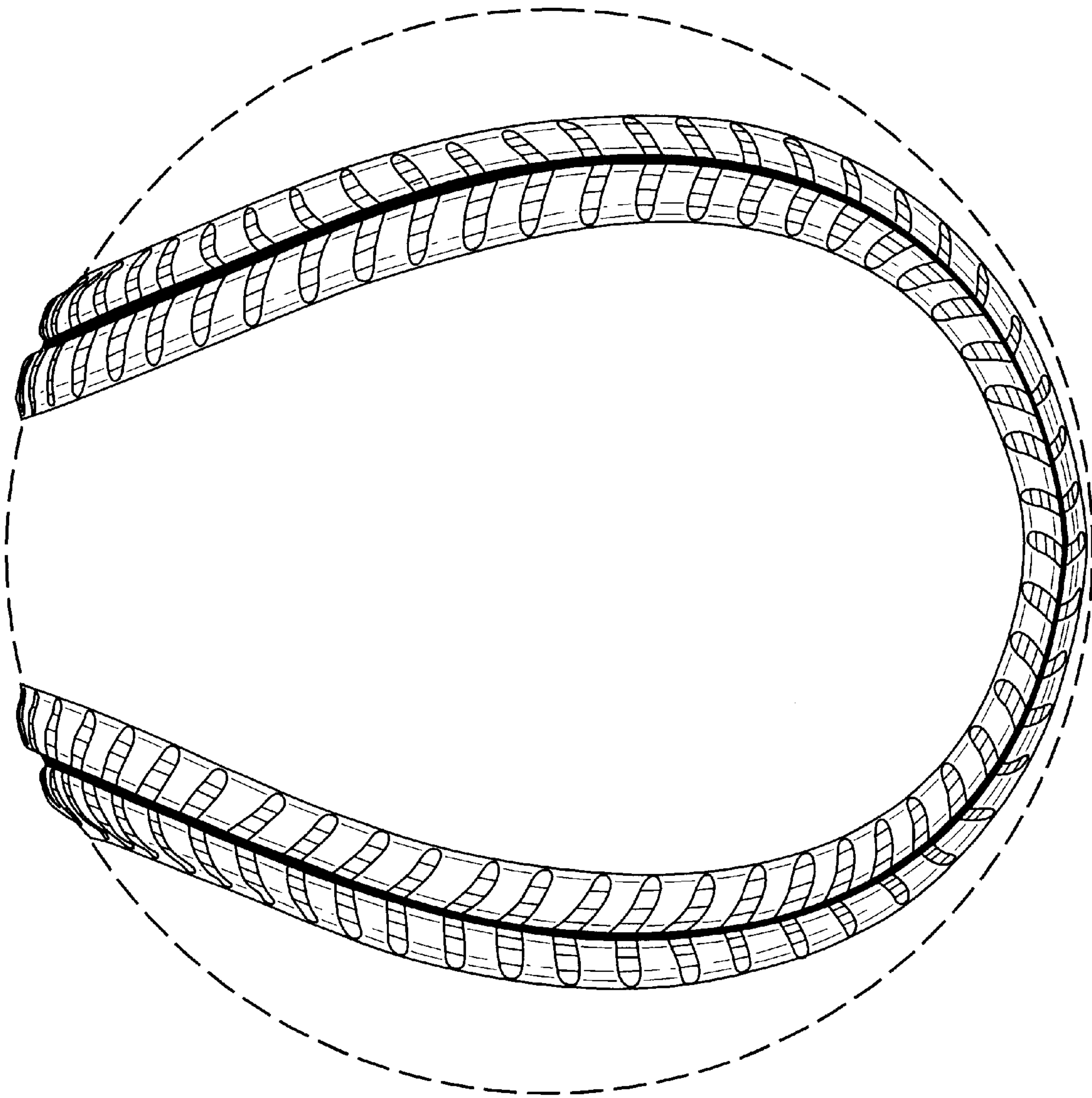


FIG. 5

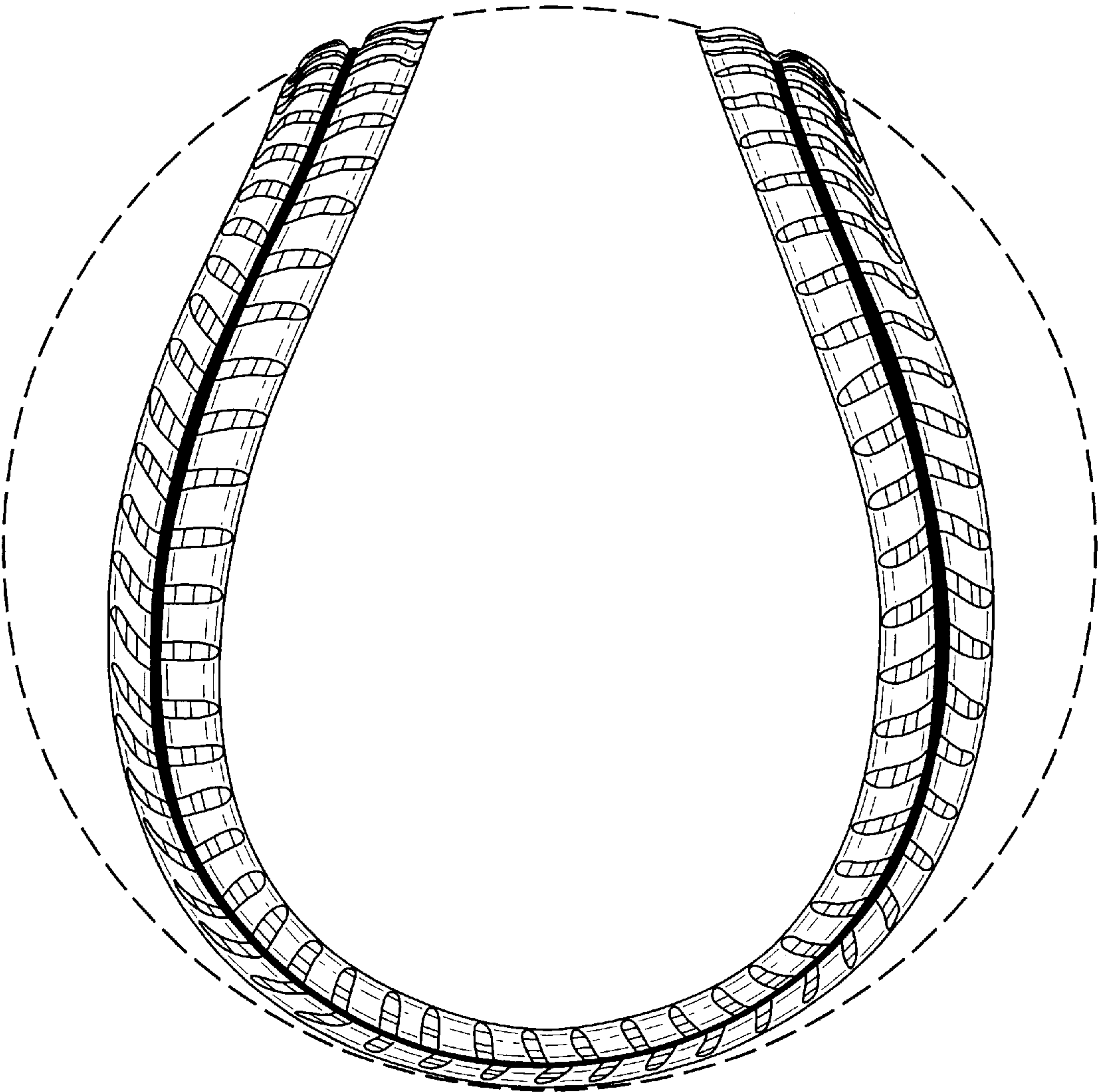


FIG. 6



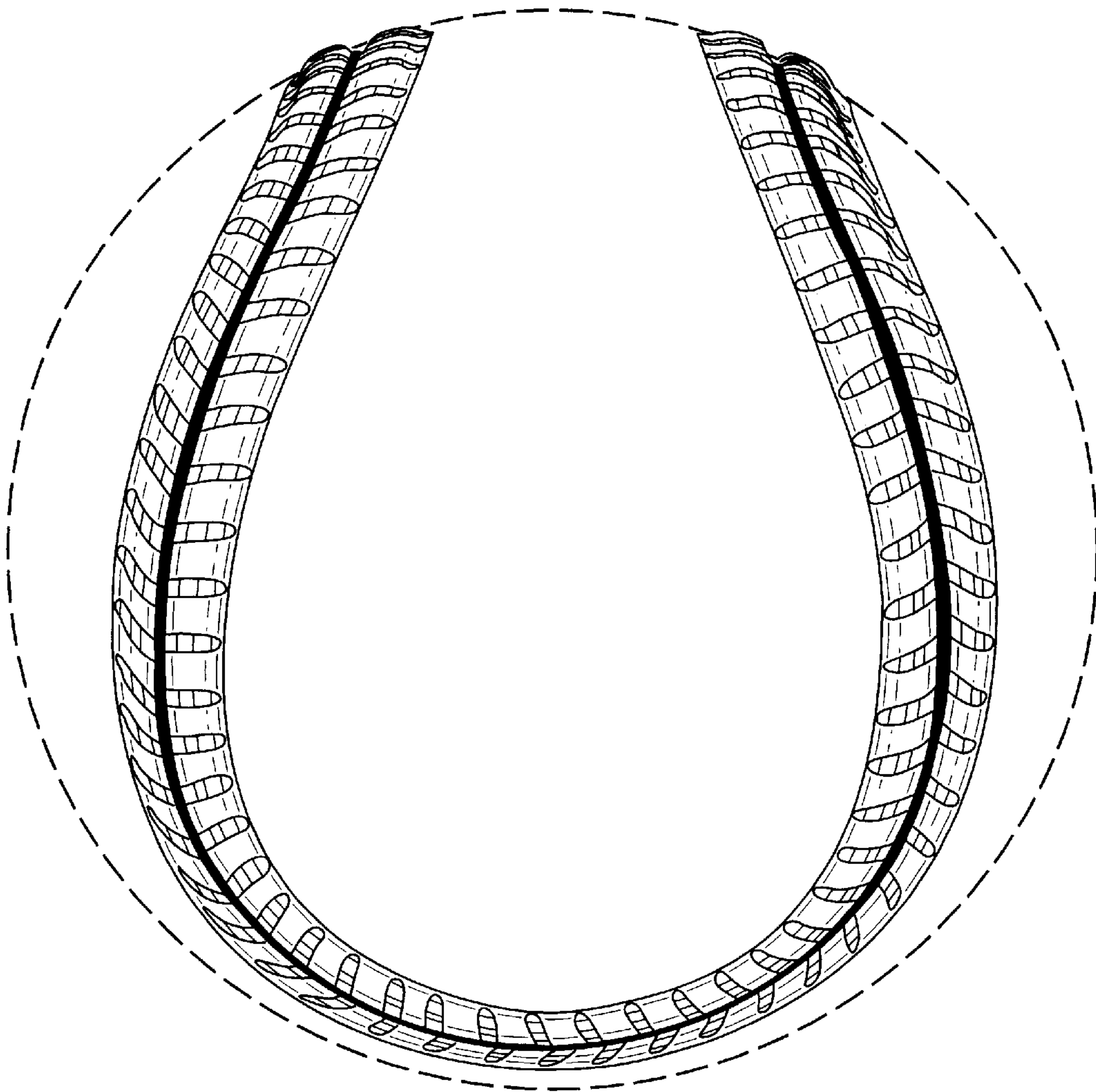


FIG. 7